



9 November 2012

Mr. Matt Salazar
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: October 2012 Monthly Progress Report (electronic submittal)
North Hollywood Operable Unit, Second Interim Remedy, Groundwater Remediation Design**

Dear Mr. Salazar:

Attached is the October 2012 monthly progress report for the North Hollywood Operable Unit (NHOU), pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Design (RD-AOC) for the North Hollywood Operable Unit (NHOU).

Please contact me at (510) 663-3996 if you have questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

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Michael Taraszki, PG, CHG, PMP
Project Manager

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Robert Hartwell, PE
Engineering Manager

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OCTOBER 2012 NHO PROGRESS REPORT

Activities Completed for the Report Period

- Finalized access agreement with LADWP regarding groundwater sampling activities at 4909C, 4919D, 4918A, and NHE-1
- Continued to develop access agreements to sample and perform testing at privately owned monitoring wells:
 - Vulcan Materials (well 4909F or its replacement); no access agreement needed for well 4909C (owned by LADWP)
 - Los Angeles County (well 4928A); response to request to collect split sample pending ongoing discussions
- Attempted to remove submersible pumps from EPA-owned monitoring wells in preparation for Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation activities; pumps could not be removed apparently due to corrosion/scale in well casings.
- Initiated development of communication plan materials in preparation for Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation activities.
- Continued scheduling subcontractors as needed to implement Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation activities, pending completion of access agreements.

Issues and Corrective Actions

- None.

Anticipated Activities for the Next Six Weeks

- Receive Final EPA comments on the Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan (conditionally approved by EPA on September 19).
- Submit responses to EPA comments on the Building Conditions Assessment report.
- Remove submersible pumps from EPA-owned monitoring wells.
- Implement Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation groundwater sampling and testing, pending completion of access agreements, client communication plans, and subcontractor scheduling.
- Attend a meeting with EPA and LADWP to be scheduled by EPA to discuss the Groundwater Management Plan.

Unresolved Issues/Potential Impacts to Schedule/Work Plan

- Access agreements to private well owners' properties may require EPA assistance to ensure groundwater monitoring data are obtained from monitoring wells included in the Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan.
- Delays in establishing access agreements may result in revision of the schedule for groundwater monitoring and/or drilling. EPA support will be requested if required.
- Removal of submersible pumps from EPA-owned monitoring wells has proven more difficult than anticipated, apparently due to excessive scale within each well casing and very limited clearance between the well casing diameter and pump diameter. Continued difficulty will delay progress with implementing Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation activities at these wells.